

He Spells It With An 'E'

Wives (in Court)
 All sure my husband is Irish, because he always spells it whiskey.

Just now my husband is living on optimism; he thinks he will get everything he wants at Christmas.

When my husband said he hoped we should have as happy a Christmas as we did last year, I reminded him that there he had a terrible row, and he said that was what he had in mind.

I am looking for a brighter future—since my husband has called me his darling...
 My husband has a poor sense of humour; when I asked him to bring home some holly he brought a wreath.

And Husbands
 DON'T mind what happens to me as long as it doesn't happen to me.
 My wife doesn't tell me to be home early; she just says: "You won't be long away."

850 Disappointed People

ABOUT 850 of the poorest people in Southampton—many of them old and pensioned—expected to get a Christmas pudding at the Guildhall yesterday expecting to receive one of the Christmas puddings sent by South Africa to Britain's blitzed towns. But they came away empty-handed.

Arrangements for their distribution were in the hands of the Mayor, Alderman H. Vincent, who had been informed by the local food office that the town would receive an allocation of the pudding. He accordingly issued the invitations for their collection upon learning that they had arrived at the docks.

Late on Friday, however, when it was too late to tell the hopeful recipients, the Regional Food Office at Reading telephoned the Mayor that the puddings at the docks were not intended for Southampton.

Later it was learned that Southampton's share had been sent to London on Ministry of Food instructions and that they will be distributed there to avoid discomfiture to Londoners.

At the Public Relations Office of the Ministry of Food it was stated that Southampton will get its share of the puddings after Christmas.

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS
 "May I scrape the dish Mummy?"
 Can't afford to waste even a morsel of Cremola Pudding. The Children never tire of the Cremola Flavour in...

CREAMOLA PUDDING

THE VERY GOOD PUDDING
 THE REAL THING IN RADIO
 PRODUCTION HAS BEEN RESUMED

Radios will be available to the public in limited quantities in the New Year.

THE MACROPHONE COMPANY LIMITED, BATES, MIDDLER.

I can dream, can't I?

Why not! But dreaming will never bring romance to the girl who is guilty of Oral Offence.

Scientific tests prove that in cases of oral to Colgate Dental Cream stops Oral Offence that originates in the mouth.

This Christmas Eve Spectre Rifles Drawers, Rips Curtains HAUNTEES PRETENSES FOR THE GHOSTLY WRECKER

From Our Special Correspondent, ALAN HOBY
 Great Leighs (Essex), Saturday.

The log fires glimmer and crackle. The ale flows. In the oak-fumed tap-room of England's oldest inn the hoarse hubbub of voices mingles with the clink and clatter of the glasses.

Everywhere warmth and welcome. Everywhere a rekindling and redoubling of good will. In this year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, the villagers of Great Leighs, in the Saxon hamlet of Essex, begin their Christmas celebrations—"of peace upon earth..."

Until someone remembers—and who can forget it for long—that, that thing in the room upstairs, the devilish, destructive apparition which, when night falls and the house is still, moves through that haunted room like a cold wind, rilling drawers, tearing down curtains, ripping off bedlinen—a ghost on the rampage, a poltergeist on the loose.

"And it gets worse at Christmas—particularly on Christmas Eve," Mr. Arthur J. Sykes, present owner of "St. Anne's Castle," this one-time rectory, monk and royalist, highwayman and footpad when he was a young man, told me as he led me along a dim, narrow passage leading to the "haunted room."

"What gets worse?" I asked, remembering that I was standing in heaven and earth. "Whatever it is there," he answered, "it gets worse. You know what's going to happen next. A few weeks ago, a storm of electric light bulbs by the bed. Next morning they were scattered all over the room. One was in one place, and the following day it is smashed, or somewhere else."

WHAAT? Here, in this spectre, spook or restless shade which inspired my Christmas tales in heaven and earth, in Essex? Which, through the years, has made the hair creep on the back of a maid, parson and schoolgirl as they crowded, uncharitably, recruited to make up the ancient four-poster bed? What is the sinister set-up behind these recurrent night alarms?

Psychic research experts who have conducted on-the-spot investigations say it is the twisted, tormented soul of a woman, once a child was murdered, or stolen, by footpads long ago. There was a woman of the name Anne's.

THAT "SOMETHING"
 MAYOR. Your missus, possibly, is as good as there. But whether you scoff or believe, the stark fact is here is a room which, before the war, aroused nationwide interest in the B.B.C. broadcast; and which Mr. Sykes, whether he likes it or not, cannot get rid of. He has accepted as a permanently unwelcome guest.

For he can't evict her, even though she is bad-mannered and a violent temper. As he can do is to isolate the room and hand it over to her tenants. But even this is impossible for any flesh and blood being to live in the room.

Even though the sepias and squids of the room are especially if you have slept there on Christmas Eve!

WHEN I saw the room it was as if a small bulldog had hit it. Everywhere there was a cold, ossified air, a dead hostility which the descending dusk intensified. It was also unusually cold.

And as I stood there, conscious of an influence beyond my ken, I thought of that traveller from the north who, on a foggy mid-winter night of 1839, knocked on the door of "St. Anne's Castle" and asked for a room.

And he, too, pooped the absurd notion of a phony phantom.

'Stick At It And Win'
 CROSSWORD No. 180—The adjudication committee decided that the most meritorious solution of the crossword was that sent by Mr. E. Franklin, Manchester, who submitted a solution which agreed exactly with the correct solution.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the competition, a cheque for £250 will be sent to the winner. The prize is shared by the 100 runners-up who share the £250 runner-up prize. Total of the good fortune, Mrs. J. H. Jones, of 10, Park Road, London, N.W. 10, has won the prize. The prize is shared by the 100 runners-up who share the £250 runner-up prize.

INSIST ON MARMITE AND YOU'LL GET IT
 A dash of Marmite, the yeast-dough extract, when making gravy, and see how the flavour improves the gravy. Use Marmite also to add to soups, stews, meat and vegetable dishes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!
 "THE PEOPLE" has pleasure in offering congratulations to the following readers on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries:
 DIAMOND—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hawkins, Northampton.
 GOLDEN—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Northampton.
 SILVER—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Northampton.
 BRONZE—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Northampton.
 PLATINUM—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Northampton.

Play Safe! USE COLGATE TWICE A DAY

SECRET SERVICE

CARVE-UP of Far East oil interests has begun. U.S.A. has been flying start in Japan Empire and China, but Anglo-Dutch group are pressing hard and hope to negotiate "agreements." Annual business estimated to exceed £300,000,000.

● Anglo-French agreement on Levant evacuation is hailed as greatest factor to future Middle East peace. First report of a treaty to transfer to Britain of considerable value, mainly fruit, nuts and other vitamin products.

● Behind Soviet invitation to British observers to visit all Moscow policy pledged to debunk Fascist plotting to lead world into anti-Russian war before atom bomb secrets are shared.

● Japan war criminal trials will produce sensational films telling of drug traffic and Jap-German plan to kill with power of whole Chinese province. Trade in addition, Dolph, Jap Secret Service chief, had £21 assistants.

● More than £200,000,000 (nominal) of art treasures looted by Huns has been returned into Soviet hands. Many items are actually beyond price and unsalable. But much has to be traced.

● **RADIO** station for exclusive use of United Nations is planned. It may be developed into a world-wide radio system, with strong relay stations in at least 30 languages.

● Applications by Allied nations to charter 600 surplus U.S. war-built vessels have been rejected by Senate—but decision may be reversed when British loan agreement is passed.

● All Allied agricultural research discoveries are to be pooled and made available throughout the world under the American document exchange plan.

● Moscow Aero Sports Club—hope soon to start international championships in aviation, gliding and parachute jumping. Former President of Panama, in exile since 1941, were organising a revolt.

● At the port of Colon—Atlantic terminus of the Panama Canal—supporters of Dr. Arias made a night attack on a police station. Six people, including two policemen, were taken out dying and a number of people were injured.

● More than 10,000 industrial plants in Czechoslovakia have been nationalised since V.E. day. They employ over a million workers, producing everything from 5-ton lorries to safety pins. Numbers should be doubled next year.

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Another JOB of work!
 Peccotone, too, has its tasks and problems. The housewife comes into it, too. Small jobs for Dad... more family responsibilities. The care of our children's health is particularly a duty of the first importance. Now, as always, 'Milk of Magnesia' is the most reliable remedy for children's ailments, especially in cases of digestive upset.

At peace, as in war, 'Milk of Magnesia' will carry on its good work in the home, helping to keep the family fit.

'MILK OF MAGNESIA'
 "Milk of Magnesia" is the trade mark of Philip's preparation of magnesia

The lake is coming home again, the Weather Report is news again, care on the road again, and the days narrow for the return of Kia-Ora fruit dishes.

Kia - Ora
 means Good Health

FOR A RICH GRAVY

MARMITE
 AND YOU'LL GET IT

See Page Six for the clues
 The first prize is £1,000. Runners-up will share £500.

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Murphy's.— — 1 1 1 2 2 x 1 1 2
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